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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re : **Marion Wood et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No. : 09/640,211

Filed : August 16, 2000

Title : **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE MODIFICATION
OF GENE TRANSCRIPTION**

Examiner : Joyce Tung

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2002, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 3, replace the present title with the following new title:

B¹ --POLYNUCLEOTIDES FOR USE IN THE MODIFICATION OF GENE TRANSCRIPTION--

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

B² --The polynucleotides identified as SEQ ID NOS: 1-591, 1183-1912 and 1931-2106 may contain open reading frames ("ORFs") or partial open reading frames encoding polypeptides. Open reading frames may be identified using techniques that are well known in the art. These techniques